

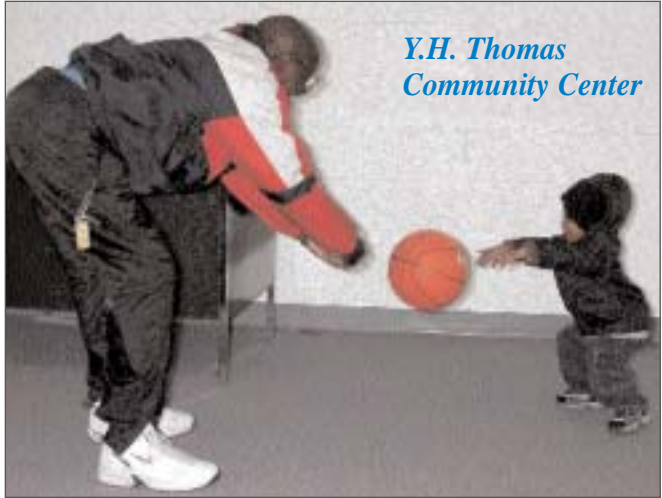


Hampton - All-America City finalist

Hampton recently was selected as one of the 30 finalist communities for this year’s All-America City Award, the nation’s longest running and most prestigious civic recognition program. Ten communities will be named an “All-America City” on June 15.

The 30 finalists will participate in a final round of the All-America City competition in Kansas City, Missouri, June 13-15. During this competition, a community delegation from Hampton will present to a 10-member jury the challenges addressed and the successful outcomes for the three innovative programs featured in the application:

- **Healthy Families Partnership**
- **Y.H. Thomas Community Center**
- **Youth-Community Oriented Policing Effort (Y-COPE)**



One of the benefits of participating in the National Civic League conference will be sharing innovative ideas and programs with other leaders from across the country.

“We are delighted at being part of Hampton’s All-America City finalist entry,” said Will Moffett, volunteer and executive director of Y.H. Thomas Community Center. “We’re proud of our work to make the community center a success and it’s nice to have this type of recognition for our efforts.”

A program of the National Civic League, the All-America City Award recognizes civic excellence, honoring communities in which citizens, government, businesses and non-profit organizations demonstrate successful resolution of critical community issues. “These communities serve as models for the rest of the country,” said Christopher

T. Gates, president of the National Civic League. “They are tackling challenges that seem insurmountable and are producing positive and tangible results with ingenuity and collaboration.”

For information, and for a complete list of 2002’s 30 Finalist communities, please visit the National Civic League Web site at www.ncl.org.

Look for more information on the three programs featured in the award entry, and to see if Hampton is a winner, in the June 20 edition of City Page. Also check the city’s Web site, www.hampton.gov.

50th anniversary celebration

Phoebus, Elizabeth City County & Hampton consolidated in 1952



Next month celebrations across the city will recognize the 50th anniversary of the consolidation of three communities into what is today known as Hampton. Looking at downtown Hampton’s modern waterfront today, it may be hard to remember the city was once several smaller jurisdictions.

In 1952 the consolidation of the former small city of Hampton, former county of Elizabeth City and former town of Phoebus created the new city of Hampton. There were 6,250 residents of Phoebus, Hampton, and Elizabeth City who voted on the issue of consolidation. Overwhelmingly, 5,487 voted in

favor of the measure.

This new city had a population of 61,000. Hampton’s last census in 2000 showed a population of 146,437.

For history buffs, did you know Phoebus was chartered as a town in 1900; Hampton incorporated in 1852, and in 1887; in 1634, Elizabeth City was one of the original shires of the colony of Virginia?

Events planned to mark the 50th anniversary include commemorative faith services, historic video presentations, 1950s movies, recognitions including Little England Chapel historic marker dedication, and a Hampton birthday party on July 9.

A special ceremony at the City Council swearing-in on July 1 will include city and school employees who worked for these organizations in 1952. One of the employees honored, Hardy Cash, is not retired and has worked for the city for 55 years!

Anniversary events, photos and articles about the city’s history will be part of a commemorative publication inserted into the Daily Press on June 27.

The anniversary events mark the beginning of the city’s celebrations to mark the 400th anniversary of Hampton in July 2010.



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Mon., Weds., & Fri.
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Sat. & Sun.
10 a.m., 2:15 and 8:15 p.m.

The program is sponsored by
Hampton Coalition for Youth to
celebrate asset-building as a vital part
of youth development in Hampton.

Aberdeen Gardens wins national award

Hampton's historic Aberdeen Gardens neighborhood beat out 11 other finalists to win the prestigious “Neighborhood of the Year” award in the 27th Annual

Neighborhoods USA conference held last month in Houston, Texas.

Winning the award was the culmination of a grass roots effort to restore a neighborhood property to a museum.

The museum preserves Aberdeen Gardens’ rich heritage and honors the original residents of the New Deal Settlement which was built for and by African-Americans in 1935.

In addition to winning the Neighborhood of the Year award, Aberdeen Gardens also won first place in the “Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships - Physical Revitalization” category.

The neighborhood organization received a total of \$2,000 in cash awards which will help furnish the museum for the grand opening in September.

Mosquito control starts at home

Why is mosquito control important?

There are two main reasons to control the mosquito population. First to control the spread of mosquito transmitted diseases, and secondly so that we can participate in and enjoy outdoor activities during the spring and summer months.

Can the city do more for mosquito control?

The city works to keep the mosquito population in check and at a tolerable level. It would be extremely costly and would require massive staffing to totally control the mosquito population.

Where are breeding areas for mosquitoes?

Mosquitoes may be found breeding in salt marshes and low-lying areas that hold water after a rainfall. Some mosquitoes, such as the Asian Tiger mosquito, prefer to breed in artificial containers such as clogged rain gutters, poorly maintained bird baths and wading pools, buckets, tires, flower pots, and any other container that can collect and hold rain water. Mosquitoes can develop from egg to adult in five to seven days.

What can I do to help control mosquitoes?

You can eliminate mosquito breeding areas of standing water such as clogged gutters, turn empty flower pots over so that they won’t collect water, do not let water stand on tarps or plastic covers, change the water in bird baths each week, empty wading pools, throw away empty potted plant trays, and correctly dispose of used tires.

Where can I get more information?

Public education is key to the success of any mosquito control program. You can visit www.hampton.gov/publicworks and www.mosquito.org for more information and mosquito control tips.

Also, call the 311 Customer Call Center. In Hampton, just dial 311. From outside the city, 727-8311. Call takers are available from 7 a.m. to 11p.m. seven days a week to assist you.

Calendar

JUNE 8

Block Party

Join the fun all summer each Saturday night along the historic Queens Way district. Live musical entertainment, food, beverages, street performers and kid's activities. Queens Way in downtown Hampton, 6-11 p.m., 727-1540.



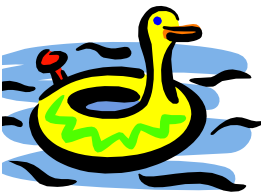
JUNE 12

City Council

Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 727-6315. Agendas on Web site: hampton.gov/council. Meetings broadcast live; re-broadcasts June 13 at 10 a.m., and June 15 at 3 p.m. on The City Channel TV-47. City Council’s June 26 meeting was cancelled.

JUNE 14

Splash-O-Rama



Celebrate the end of the school year with a pool party! Only \$1 admission fee. From 1-4 p.m., Old Hampton Community Center. Hampton Parks & Recreation, 727-1565.

JUNE 21

Storytelling in the Park

Take an afternoon break and enjoy the sights and sounds at Mill Point Park. Every Friday the park will come alive with puppets, storytellers and ballerinas. Free, 12:30-1:15 p.m. Refreshments available for purchase. Hampton Parks & Recreation, 727-8314.

JUNE 22-23

Air Power Over Hampton

The air show of Hampton Roads. Dozens of civilian and military aerial demonstrations, displays, food, vendors and fun. Langley AFB. Saturday, 9a.m.- 9p.m., Sunday, 9a.m.- 5p.m. Free. 764-2018.



Hampton Jazz Festival

JUNE 26-30

Experience the 35th annual Hampton Jazz Festival! Line-up includes: **Friday** - Patti Labelle, Dave Koz featuring James Ingram,



Norman Brown & Brian Culbertson, The Stylistics, The Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes.

Saturday - O'Jays, Stephanie Mills, Fourplay (w/Bob James,

Larry Carlton, Harvey Mason & Nathan East), Oleta Adams.

Sunday - Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Teena Marie, The Gap Band.

Hampton Coliseum, 757-671-8100, www.hamptoncoliseum.org.

JUNE 28-30

Afrikan American Festival

A two-day outdoor festival, alcohol-free, family oriented event with local and internationally known artists. Imported arts, crafts, clothing and ethnic food and beverages are for sale in the market place. Mill Point Park. \$2 donation. Friday, 4 - 10 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., 838-4721.